

Statement of Substance of Interview

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Zhang and SPE Vaughn for conducting a telephone interview with Applicant's attorneys, Dale G. Mohlenhoff and Robert G. Hartman, on March 25, 2008.

During the interview, Applicant's attorney presented arguments that claims 1-3, 5-13, 15-23, 25-33 and 25 were mistakenly rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) instead of 35 U.S.C. §102(a). Applicant's attorney also stated a Section 131 or 132 affidavit would be filed to remove the Bosworth reference as prior art for the instant application. Applicant's attorneys understood the Examiner to agree that the claims noted above are indeed rejected under §102(a), as opposed to §102(b).

Applicant herein files a Section 132 affidavit to remove the Bosworth reference as prior art. No claims are amended. Accordingly, claims 1-37 are believed to be allowable over the cited documents.